

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A method in a mobile wireless communications device (300)  
including determining a communication time remaining, for example by  
decrementing (210) a communication time limit for communication time used, and  
providing a user alert (214) at an output (370) of the device before a total  
communication time used exceeds the communication time limit. In another  
embodiment, the communication time remaining is automatically reset (205)  
periodically to the communication time limit, for example in synchronism with a  
10 service provider billing statement. In another embodiment, the communication  
time remaining is indicated (211), for example visually on a display (320) of the  
device.